

THE EDITOR'S REPLY.

It Got to the Wrong Man, Who Reported the Result.

"A temperance lecturer once came to Virginia City," said Mark Twain, "and in his lecture he cited the case of a young Nevadaian who had died from the effects of a half pint of brandy."

"The case was a well known one, but it had been a pint of whisky, not a half pint of brandy, that had killed the youth, and consequently I as 'Answers to Correspondents' man on the Enterprise wasn't astonished when I got this letter the day after the lecture:

"To settle a bet please state in your valuable paper whether the young man referred to in last night's temperance lecture drank half pint of brandy or a pint of whisky. Constant Reader."

"My reply to this was:

"Constant Reader.—A pint of whisky."

"The reply appeared, as was our rule, the week after its receipt, but meanwhile a schoolteacher had written in for a cold cure. The schoolteacher, too, had adopted the signature of 'Constant Reader,' and he mistook our other correspondent's answer for his own. Luckily, though, he had a good constitution, and the next day he wrote in to us:

"Dear Editor—Thanks for valuable cure. It worked splendidly. The cold is completely gone now, and nothing remains but a bad headache from the pint of whisky. Constant Reader."

Soothing the Weary.

Mrs. Poarck is a tactful woman, skillful and calm, as is shown by the way she handles her sometimes unruly husband.

Mr. Poarck came home very late the other night from an important political gathering. In the hall he kicked up rather a row, growling and swearing to himself till his wife called to him from upstairs:

"What's the matter, my dear?"

"Matter—hic—is," Mr. Poarck shouted, "that there's two hats here, and I dunno which one to hang my hat on!"

"But you've got two hats, haven't you?" said Mrs. Poarck soothingly. "Hang one on each rack and come up to bed. You're tired."

Didn't Keep a Diary.

At an important trial in a London law court one of the witnesses was an Irishwoman who was decidedly hard to handle. She was particularly categorical as to her dates and told how "this happened at 4:27 on Tuesday, this at 6:33 on Friday," and so on. At last the patience of the advocate was exhausted.

"My dear woman," said the exasperated counsel, "do you keep a diary?"

"No, sir," replied the woman, "s dramsboon."

BASKETBALL TOURNEY.

Best Teams of the Country to Clash in Chicago.

Charles A. Dean, chairman of the National Amateur Athletic union championship basketball committee, has announced that the unlimited championships will be held in Chicago on March 17, 18 and 19. As an incentive to bring the best teams together in this meeting Dean has offered to pay part of the expenses of the Montreal five, champions of Canada; the Birmingham (Ala.) team, one of the strongest aggregations in the south; the Salt Lake City Y. M. C. A., which has had an unbeatable team in the last few years and the San Francisco Athletic club, which is represented by one of the strongest teams on the coast.

"HIT WHEN A BLOW COUNTS"—JOHNSON.

"How will I fight Jeff? Well, that depends," says Jack Johnson. "I don't believe a man is wise in sailing in and taking a chance of breaking his hands in the first round or getting in front of a knockout wallop. Hit when it counts—that's my idea. I am not going to run away from Jeffries, but I do not believe in taking foolish chances on anything, and I will not fight any more recklessly against Jeffries than I have fought in the battles that have brought me to the top."

Cadets-Middies Meet Nov. 23.

That football will be resumed at West Point next autumn was assured by the recent announcement of the schedule. The soldiers will, of course, again tackle the navy in their big game of the year. This contest will be played on Franklin field, in Philadelphia, on Nov. 23.

When the operator up in the small country town got through with transcribing the message it conveyed to the young woman the following illuminating advice:

"You had better stop at a storehouse."—New York Sun.

Men Are Four.

Men are four. He who knows, and knows he knows—he is wise; follow him. He who knows, and knows not he knows—he is asleep; wake him. He who knows not, and knows not he knows not—he is a fool; shun him. He who knows not, and knows he knows not—he is a child; teach him.—Arabian Proverb.

LOST HIS MONEY.

Made a Bet and Foolishly Picked the Wrong Member.

There was an eminent English sergeant at law some years ago who had a cork leg that was a triumph of artistic deception. None but his intimates knew for certain which was the real and which was the sham limb. A wild young wag of the "outer bar," who knew the sergeant pretty well, once thought to utilize this knowledge of the sergeant's secret to take in a green, newly fledged young barrister. The sergeant was addressing a special jury at Westminster in his usual earnest and vehement style, and the wag whispered to his neighbor:

"You see how hot old Buzfuz is over his case. Now, I'll bet you a sovereign I'll run this pin into his leg up to the head and he'll never notice it, he's so absorbed in his speech. He's a most extraordinary man in that way."

This was more than the greenhorn could swallow, so he took the bet. The wag took a large pin from his waistcoat and, leaning forward, drove it up to the head in the sergeant's leg. A yell that froze the blood of all who heard it, that made the hair of the jury stand on end and the judge's wig almost fall off, rang through the court.

"By Jove, it's the wrong leg! I've lost my money!" exclaimed the dismayed and conscience stricken wag as he fled through the door, while the lacerated lawyer danced on his cork leg and howled in agony.

Harness Racing in Connecticut.

The trotters and pacers will be well provided for in the Connecticut fair next July. The \$10,000 Charter Oak will be the feature of a splendid program.

FUTURE SPORT PLANS

Newark, N. J., is to have a six day bicycle race the week of Feb. 7.

The English track and field championships of 1910 will be held at Stamford Bridge, London.

Detroit expects 400 five man teams to bowl in the American tournament to be held in the City of the Straits in February.

The Los Angeles one mile bicycle track will be 1,686½ feet in diameter. It will be forty-five feet wide and banked at a 20 per cent angle. It will be ready April 1.

Racket championships in singles and doubles will be decided in New York and Boston courts. The two man matches will be played at the New York Racket club Jan. 17 to 22 and the individual matches at the Boston club Feb. 14 to 19.

TRAINING FOR UMPIRES.

Few Suggestions Made For Benefit of Arbitrators.

The suggestion that the umpires go south like the ball players and get in shape for the big league season has brought forth the following from one of the fans who doesn't overlook anything:

"In this circuit next season an arbitrator is going to need to step the half mile in about fifty-five seconds and be able to continue the same pace the Marathon route if he has pulled off a particularly raw decision.

"High hurdling should also be a part of the spring training. The average fence height of the parks is about eight feet. The arbitrator should be able to clear this, taking off on either foot, and do the 100 yards to the fence in about nine seconds flat.

"Shadow boxing would play an important part in the training if it was done right. Whenever an ump gets so he can dodge his shadow and leave it intact ten feet away from him and come back and join it before it can overtake him he will be in pretty fair condition to hear the whiz of a pop bottle and beat it out of the way before it dents his dome.

"He should also get his feet so well pickled in brine and formalin that he can smile when one of our peevish infield pets sinks his spikes through his shoes in the midst of any little airy persiflage that may be bandied about the ball yard."

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WILLIE JONES, THE PROMISING FEATHERWEIGHT

went the limit of ten rounds. Of course there was a diversity of opinion as to the victor, but as Jones had the better of Kilne in the first seven rounds and was on his feet at the end of the last round and fighting strongly it is difficult to understand how any one could fail to pick him as the winner.

Jones is willing to hook up with any one that will make a noise like a bout, or, in other words, is willing to meet any boy in the country at 122 pounds. With proper handling this youngster, who is only twenty years old, has a grand future before him and may some day wear the championship crown.

Batters Are "Suckers," Says Smith. Paderewski Frank Smith of the Chicago Americans says all batters are "suckers." According to the piano juggler, all a pitcher has to do now-days is to make a bluff at using the splitter. The batter will then surely miss if the ball is shot in straight and high.

FUTURE SPORT EVENTS

Detroit looks for 2,000 skat players at the tourney, June 11 to 13.

The annual tournament of the National Archery Association of the United States will be held in Chicago Aug. 16, 17, 18 and 19.

The Louisville thoroughbred horse racing meeting will open May 10 and continue until June 4. The Kentucky Derby will be run on the opening day.

Stanley Ketchel, the middleweight champion, who has not fought since he was defeated by Jack Johnson, will re-enter the ring to meet Frank Klaus in Pittsburg, March 11.

The championship contests were arranged by the International Cyclists' union in Paris recently for July 17, 21 and 24. They will be held in Brussels. The 1911 championships will be held in Turin.

THE TAILOR'S SONG

Fit out at Frank's—get a suit up to date, Right in the fashion—of woolens first rate. A suit that will fit—goods sound as a bell, No outside shops will fit you as well, Keep track of Mac's good value he sells. Mac builds good clothes garments all neat, Chicago's ready made agents cannot compete. Examine his line and prices all through, Look him up for a suit, saves money for you. Reliable goods, all through his line, Order a suit for the on coming spring time, You find value for money here every time.

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